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MAKING A DIFFERENCE: The Sunshine Coast Community Foundation Announces First Grants

The Sunshine Coast Community Foundation has awarded its first grants totaling \$5000. It was announced at the Foundation's annual general meeting, September 27th in Sechelt, that seven local projects in a variety of areas, encompassing low-cost housing, the environment, childcare, music, a community kitchen and outdoor education, will receive grants ranging from \$500 to \$1000.

GRANTS of \$1000 each were awarded to the following projects:

Ruby Lake Lagoon Nature Reserve Society: to assist in the planning and development of a field studies and interpretation centre on the Sunshine Coast, named after the late Iris Griffiths.

Arrowhead Centre Society: for the development of a community kitchen project to teach their members, who are persons with a mental illness, how to cook healthy meals for themselves and each other.

Sunshine Coast Community Services Society: to organize a community forum on housing, in conjunction with the Sunshine Coast Social Planning Council, to identify local housing needs and to identify solutions to some of the problems.



The RAINFOREST AMPHITHEATRE, which officially opened on Saturday, September 25. The Amphitheatre is the first phase of the Iris Griffith Field Studies & Interpretive Centre Project.

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Living Faith Lutheran Church: for a Habitat for Humanity program to build an affordable home locally for and with a low-income family, and using volunteer labour, in-kind materials, and donations from the community. This grant will provide seed money to help move this project forward.

Roberts Creek Childcare Society: for the renovation and improvement of an existing playground to meet the growing needs of children under 12 years of age.

Pender Harbour Music Society: to help launch an annual, three-day Chamber Music Festival, planned for August 2005.

Our Mission

To contribute to the quality of life on the Sunshine Coast by building endowments, making strategic grants and inspiring community leadership.

Our Vision

To be a trusted community partner in philanthropy, benefiting the Sunshine Coast in perpetuity.

Sustainable Charitable Funding FOR THE SUNSHINE COAST

Sunshine Coast Army Cadet Support Association: for the purchase of new commercial grade personal flotation devices and safety strobe lights to complement a supply of canoes, used for outdoor education activities and made available at no charge to a wide range of other youth organizations.

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GRANT RECIPIENTS
BACK ROW L-R: Lise Aylmer Pender Harbour Music Soc., Claire Eadie, Cyndi Shearsmith, Trevor Birch, Ron Biggs, all of SC Army Cadet Support Assoc., Brian Ludwig, Ken Caine, Arrowhead Centre Soc., Shannon Whittall, Roberts Creek Childcare Soc. FRONT ROW L-R: Vicki Dobbyn, SC Community Services, Jeff Wadge, Roberts Creek Childcare Soc., Catherine Johnson, John Dykes, Suzan Essiembre, all of Ruby Lake Lagoon Nature Reserve Soc. CHILDREN: Taylor Whittall, Alex and Elliot Wadge from the Roberts Creek Childcare.

S. C. Community Foundation Receives FIRST PERMANENT ENDOWMENT

The first permanent endowment for the fledgling Sunshine Coast Community Foundation was created at a ceremony in May when Tim Anderson, chair of the Sunshine Coast Credit Union, presented a cheque for \$25,000 to Foundation chair Bill Hubbs. The endowment contribution affirms the Credit Union's commitment to the Foundation. This contribution is the first of 4 installments over 4 years totalling \$100,000.

Accepting the cheque, Foundation chair Hubbs commended the Credit Union for its \$25,000 contribution, noting that the earnings on this and future endowments will benefit all residents of the Sunshine Coast in perpetuity. "The Foundation's goal is to establish a stable and sustainable pool of funds for charitable giving that will respond to the needs of residents from Port Mellon to Egmont," he said.



Bill Hubbs (L) accepts contribution from SCCU Chair Tim Anderson (R)

"We expect the Foundation will increase the level of philanthropy on the Coast by enabling individuals, families, corporations, businesses and other groups to channel their donations into a single community capital fund, and thus keep those funds on the Coast for registered charities and for the individuals and/or associations those charities support," he said.

In presenting the initial \$25,000 cheque to the Foundation, Sunshine Coast Credit Union chair Tim Anderson noted that, "The Sunshine Coast Community Foundation's mission fits well with the Credit Union's focus on community support, charitable giving and sponsorships." Anderson added that the endowment contribution "will not reduce the Credit Union's corporate giving on the Coast, as this donation is in addition to those budgetary resources."

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The SCCF grants were underwritten by the LEAD (Leadership, Engagement and Development) Grants Program, an initiative of the Vancouver Foundation established specifically to help new B.C. Community Foundations with their granting program. The LEAD Grants Program exists to assess and build community capacity, says Elise Rudland, the chair of the SCCF Grants Committee. "Our Coast communities will be stronger if we support people and projects which demonstrate a capacity for local leadership, which mobilize civic participation and resources, and which strive for self-sufficiency."

In evaluating the applications and choosing



The Sunshine Coast Army Cadets.

The Sunshine Coast Community Foundation is a proud member of the Community Foundations of Canada. Canada's network of community foundations has grown dramatically in the last decade. There are 143 community foundations from coast to coast to coast. As of January 2003, they held assets of \$1.8 billion, and in that year, awarded grants amounting to \$95 million.

Winnipeg created the first Canadian community foundation in 1921. They now exist in more than a dozen countries worldwide, including Australia, Costa Rica, Great Britain, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Mexico, New Zealand, Slovakia, South Africa & USA.

Community Foundations of Canada (CFC) is the membership organization for Canada's community foundations. Each of the country's 143 community foundations embraces three main roles:

- i. Endowment Building/Donor Service
- ii. Grantmaking
- iii. Community Convening & Leadership

CFC supports and promotes community foundations in their important work, is active in many national volun-

those to receive the LEAD grants, the SCCF grants committee looked for proposals which met criteria to build community capacity, including:

- focus on the strengths and assets rather than on deficiencies and need of the community or organization
- involvement of several groups; building organizational capacities; and instilling a broad sense of project ownership
- encouragement of broad community support and participation
- potential for sustainability
- creation and strengthening of networks within the community – between neighbours and/or organizations

Rudland said awarding the LEAD grants was an important first exercise for the fledgling Sunshine Coast Community Foundation, helping us to establish our role as a source of continuing financial support and leadership within the Coast's communities.

Groups and organizations receiving the LEAD grants will be expected to submit reports detailing their use of the funds and outcomes of their projects. "Those reports will demonstrate how we have made a difference," says Rudland.

Community Foundations of Canada ▼ NETWORK of PHILANTHROPY

tary sector activities, and works internationally to promote and support the development of community foundations around the world.

CFC's mission is to enhance the quality of life and vitality in Canadian communities by supporting and promoting the fund development, grant making and leadership of community foundations.

Its four goals are to:

- Provide support for established and emerging member foundations
- Promote the community foundation movement
- Demonstrate philanthropic leadership in Canada and internationally

Build CFC's own effectiveness and efficiency
CFC offers professional development and training opportunities to its members, provides communication links and acts as an information clearinghouse, facilitates partnerships and initiatives with national and regional funders, reflects member views and concerns on philanthropic issues, and promotes sound public policy.

CFC is active in global networks that promote philanthropy and a healthy civil society.

A Chronology S.C. Community Foundation

2002	
April...	A volunteer community foundation development committee is established on the Sunshine Coast
2003	
Feb...	The new Sunshine Coast Community Foundation is registered as a Society under the Society Act of B.C.
May...	The SCCF appoints a 12-person Board of Directors with coast-wide representation, gender balance and outstanding credentials
Aug...	The SCCF is granted official charity status by Revenue Canada
Aug...	The SCCF receives a \$10,000 grant from Human Resources Canada to hire support staff
Sept...	The SCCF joins Community Foundations of Canada providing access to a national base of experience
2004	
Feb...	The Foundation hosts a launch reception for professional legal and financial advisors
May...	The SCCF hosts a public launch of the Foundation at an event in Sechelt and announces receipt of a first installment of a \$100,000 endowment from Sunshine Coast Credit Union.
Sept...	The SCCF holds an AGM and celebrates the first year of operation with the granting to seven Sunshine Coast community organizations a total of \$5000. These funds were provided through a LEAD grant program from the Vancouver Foundation.

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message from the CHAIR

During the Foundation's General Meeting in May of this year, I acknowledged the many contributions that have been given over the years, since the Sunshine Coast Community Foundation was simply an idea. The giving continues, and the Foundation has made some initial Grants thanks to the Vancouver Foundation. The details will be mentioned in this annual report.

The Community Foundation's greatest contribution will be one

that grows over time, improving the quality of life, that is very difficult to measure in the short term but will be appreciated in the long run. We know that the Foundation must be a reflection of the community, adapting and growing to best serve the needs of everyone on the Coast. While the Foundation does not have a long history, there are other organizations that have been and are still key elements in the social capital of the community. We continue to learn from them.

As the Foundation moves into its second year and beyond, it will foster dialogue and develop partnerships that will lead to collaboration and connection with the diverse parts of our neighbourhoods. Staying connected with the grassroots of the Coast will be paramount. A successful Community

Foundation has to have the ability to adopt new strategies through changing times, while maintaining professionalism and integrity, with no compromises.

We encourage philanthropy, but not to the exclusion of other needs within our community. Everyone has a different capacity to give, the amount is not important. The act of giving is critical. A single act of generosity can set the stage for wonderful events in the future. The currency of philanthropy can be volunteer time or a share of ones monetary or property assets. Allowing flexibility in endowments enables the Sunshine Coast Community Foundation the ability to help the community as changes occur. We now have additional endowments, over and above the very generous commitment from the Sunshine

Coast Credit Union. If we include this year's donation from the Credit Union, and using today's rate of exchange as it relates to another generous donation, our trust funds now exceeds \$100,000.

I extend a most sincere thank you to everyone on the Coast, past, present and future, that have or will be giving of their time and/or of their personal or corporate assets to the community, through the numerous associations and organizations. It is people like you that improve the quality of life, for each and every one of us. What a wonderful feeling we all experience by sharing our time and resources to enrich our community. The spirit of giving is within all of us.

William H. Hubbs

Board of Directors ²⁰⁰³/₂₀₀₄



FRONT Row – Lyn Bailey, Ann Barker, Don Basham (vice chair), Elise Rudland, Peter Bogardus.

BACK Row – Nancy Baker (Secretary), Marc Soprovich (treasurer), Sandy McBride, Bill Hubbs (chair) Blane Hagedorn, Dale Eichar

Committee Members

Members served on one or more of the following committees in 2003-2004: Development, Grantmaking, Fund Development, Communications & Marketing

Jacqueline Allan	Ev Maley	Marg Penney
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Sunshine Coast Credit Union Endowment

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Ann Barker	Sandy Mc Bride
Don Basham	Elise Rudland
Peter Bogardus	Dr. Rand B. Rudland
Community Futures Development Corp.-SC	Ellen and Robert Smith
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How You Can Make A Difference

The Sunshine Coast Community Foundation is open for business – ready to accept donations, bequests and grants to build a substantial capital fund. Earnings from this fund will in turn be distributed as grants to charitable organizations operating on the Sunshine Coast. In most cases, the capital is not distributed, but acts as an endowment in perpetuity. The community fund thus becomes the “savings account” of the whole Coast.

In addition to providing grants to charitable organizations, the Foundation can channel gifts to specific organizations or sectors, and share expertise and management with other charitable groups who have endowment funds to invest.

How can you make difference? There are a number of ways you can help the community. You can either make a general gift (large or small) to the Foundation Community Fund or establish a distinct Fund. The minimum required to establish a distinct Fund is \$5000.

There are six principal types of funds:

COMMUNITY FUND: UNDESIGNATED

This fund is the heart of the Sunshine Coast Community Foundation. Built by both small and large donations, it is designed to have maximum flexibility in order to respond to changing community needs and concerns.

NAMED FUND: DESIGNATED

A donor may choose to make a large donation and establish a new fund. This fund can be named for its donor, as a memorial to a loved one or a field of interest.

FIELD OF INTEREST FUND

This fund allows the donor to designate a general area in which earnings are to be used, including:

Arts, Culture & Heritage	Conservation
Health	Social Services
Children & Youth	Education
Seniors	Sports & Recreation

FLOW-THROUGH FUNDS

This fund provides an opportunity for the donor to designate funds (both principal and interest) to be paid out within a maximum of 2 years, rather than becoming a permanent endowment.

AGENCY FUND

A charitable organization may wish to create an endowment fund that is then owned by the Community Foundation but all income flows directly to the organization.

OPERATING FUND

This fund helps to pay for the operations of the Sunshine Coast Community Foundation. Donors to this fund are designated as Community Sponsors.

HOW TO CONTRIBUTE

For more information on the Sunshine Coast Community Foundation and how to contribute:

- Visit the SCCF website at: www.sccfoundation.com
- Phone: (604) 741-7360
- Write: P.O. Box, 1343, Sechelt, B.C. V0N 3A0

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